

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

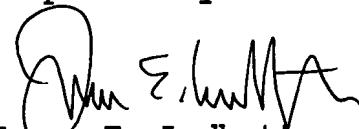
Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-12 are allowed.

The abstract has been amended to overcome the objection thereto.

The specification has been amended to identify the publication number and date of Applicant's Japanese priority document.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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